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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)

THROUGH : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division *JWS.*

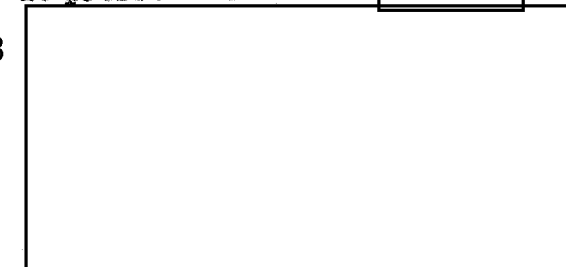
SUBJECT : Conversation with [redacted] Regarding
[redacted] So-called Foster Panel

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1. [redacted] called me 18 January to state that the Inspection Study Group or "Foster Panel" acting for the Disarmament Agency in State and composed among others of [redacted] from Dr. Wiesner's office, [redacted] from ORR, Pete Scoville from OSI, and Bruno Augensteen of DOD/R&E had expressed interest in determining from a variety of sources what the U. S. collection capability in reconnaissance would be during the 1963 to 1964 period.

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2. [redacted] was interested in obtaining from DPD indications as to the nature of those capabilities with which we would be actively concerned in this time period in order to be able to answer the query of the Foster Panel prior to 14 May 1962 when negotiations apparently begin with the Soviets. I told him that there were considerations of security and high policy in response to any answer to this question by ourselves as a Division, and that any finite answer would have to come from the level of the Deputy Director (Plans) or his direction, rather than from the Acting Chief, DPD. I suggested accordingly that he bring this up with you, which he said he would do. I noted in my conversation with [redacted] that this type of request was somewhat analogous to one we had informally received from Roger Hilsman last week when he proposed the briefing of a number of principal State Department policy makers on OXCART so that they could better interpret the desirability of having TACKLE operate at present. I believe [redacted] will be contacting you on this shortly.



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